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## Press Release

### Howard County DSS Sponsors Job Fair

*More than 20 Employers Expected to Participate*

**Baltimore MD (August 24, 2004)** – The Maryland Department of Human Resources' (DHR) Family Investment Administration (FIA), along with the Howard County Department of Social Services, will sponsor a job fair for Howard County residents on Friday August 27, 2004.

A key goal of the local department of social services is to provide opportunities for people to use the Job Center for job search activities. These activities include Internet access tips on preparing resumes, reviewing openings posted in the Job Center and helping current and potential social services customers find alternatives to welfare. The effort to bring together job seekers and employers aims to reduce Howard County's Temporary Cash Assistance caseload and make a positive impact on the local economy.

"The Ehrlich-Steele Administration is committed to providing as many opportunities as possible for positive job growth throughout the State of Maryland," said DHR Secretary Christopher J. McCabe. "We recognize that Howard County has needs, and we are moving to promote independence through employment, and strengthen Maryland's families."

Some of the employers confirmed to attend are the Howard County Board of Education, The Columbia Bank, Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center, the Social Security Administration, Howard County General Hospital, and Maryland State Department of Personnel. Many more employers are expected to attend.

More information is available at <http://www.dhr.state.md.us>.